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Prior Application:

N. HARA et al

Serial No. 10/176,582 Filed: June 24, 2002

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For:

DATABASE PROCESSING METHOD

## UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)

Box: Patent Application

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 10/176,582, filed on June 24, 2002, entitled DATABASE PROCESSING METHOD, by all of the inventors named in the prior application.

- 1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the Declaration as originally filed.
  - 2. The Filing Fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY AMENDMENT BELOW PLUS ANY CLAIMS ADDED BY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Basic Fee \$ 750.00 Total Claims 20 18 = \$ 0.00 х Independent Claims 2 0 84 0.00 х Total Filing Fee \$ 750.00

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- 3. A Credit Card Payment Form including the amount of \$750.00 is enclosed to cover the Filing Fee.
  - 4. Cancel claims 2-11 before calculating the Filing Fee.
- 5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.
- 6. Amend the specification by inserting, before the first line:
- --This is a continuation application of Serial No. 10/176,582, filed June 24, 2002; which is a continuation application of Serial No. 09/759,254, filed January 16, 2001, now abandoned; which is a continuation application of Serial No. 09/262,103, filed March 4, 1999, now abandoned; which is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 08/917,711, filed August 26, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,930,800.--.
- 7. New drawings are enclosed, twelve (12) sheets, Figs. 1-12.
- 8. The power of attorney is set forth in the Declaration in the prior application or an associate power of attorney is hereby granted to:

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## Please associate this application with Customer No. 24956.

- 9. The prior application is assigned to Hitachi, Ltd.
- 10. Priority of the following Japanese patent application is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119:

No. 8-226407, filed August 28, 1996.

The certified priority document has been filed in a parent application.

The undersigned hereby declares that no matter contained in the specification, including the claims, and drawings filed in the present continuation application would have been new matter in the prior application Serial No. 10/176,582, as originally filed on June 24, 2002.

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